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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 67.4 degrees, 3.7 degrees below average for the week ending Sunday, August 20. Precipitation averaged 0.57 inches, 0.22 inches below normal.

Reporters rated 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, August 11. This is 0.9 days behind 1999 and 0.1 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	5.3	3.2	81.5
1999	6.2	6.2	112.9
1995-1999	5.2	5.0	90.5

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	8	80	11
Last Week	1	5	75	19
Same Week Last Year	40	38	22	0
1995-1999 Average	15	25	49	11

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Corn is 79 percent in dough, seven days behind 1999 but six days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn advanced 15 points to 25 percent dented. This is six days behind last year but five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Two percent of corn has been harvested for silage, about six days behind 1999 but on schedule with the five-year average. Ninety percent of **soybeans** are setting pods. This is twelve days behind 1999 but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Two percent of soybeans are dropping leaves, on schedule with last year but four days ahead of the five-year average. **Tobacco** producers have topped 85 percent of their crop, ten days ahead of 1999. Tobacco is 17 percent harvested, two days ahead of last year.

Alfalfa hay third cutting is 64 percent complete. This is five days behind 1999 but 13 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Fourth cutting alfalfa is 4 percent complete, about six days behind last year. **Other hay** second cutting

advanced eight points to 81 percent complete. This is nine days behind 1999 and two days behind the 1995-99 average. Other hay third cutting is 28 percent complete, four days behind last year but eight days ahead of the five-year average.

Summer apples are 80 percent harvested, six days behind 1999. **Peaches** advanced 20 points to 81 percent harvested. This is ten days ahead of last year. **Potatoes** are 33 percent harvested, on schedule with 1999 but five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Cucumbers** are 72 percent harvested, compared to 69 percent harvested last year at this time. **Processing tomatoes** advanced 6 points to 7 percent harvested. This is five days behind 1999 and two days behind the 1995-99 average.

Activities for the week included making hay; harvesting fruit and vegetables; seeding CRP filter strips; mowing weeds and pastures; fencing; repairing equipment and buildings; seeding alfalfa; applying lime and fertilizer; mowing wheat stubble; installing tile; constructing waterways; harvesting oats; hauling grain; detasseling seed corn; and attending fairs.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported weed pressures included Canadian thistle, wild carrot, giant ragweed, lambs quarter, foxtail, burdock, and hemp dogbane. Reported insects were Japanese beetles, corn borers, mosquitoes and horse flies, blister beetles, leaf hoppers, aphids, slugs, spider mites, earworms, and army worms. Reported diseases included root rot and blossom end rot in vegetables, rust on sweet corn, leaf blight, sclerotinia in soybeans, mildew, white and blue mold, and grey wall on tomatoes.

Fruit and vegetable conditions are fair to good throughout the state. A Darke county reporter mentioned that peaches are in excellent condition and apples are in good condition. In the Southeast district, producers are harvesting watermelons, tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers, and peppers. Growers in Hancock county are harvesting melons, tomatoes, squash, cabbage, and zucchini for markets. Continued rainfall in northern Ohio has caused problems with diseases and weeds for fruit and vegetable growers.

Pasture and grass conditions were reported 71 percent good to excellent. Last year at this time, pasture and grass were only rated 15 percent good to excellent. Livestock conditions are good to excellent throughout the state. In Wood county, livestock are under minor stress due to extreme fluctuations in the weather.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (summer) harvested	80	85	NA	73	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	64	72	39	32	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	4	9	NA	NA	NA
Corn in dough	79	86	59	65	63
Corn dented	25	40	14	10	25
Corn harvested for silage	2	7	2	1	NA
Cucumbers harvested	72	69	NA	50	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	89	89	84	81	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	28	34	18	17	NA
Peaches harvested	81	74	NA	61	NA
Potatoes harvested	33	33	27	18	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	7	17	9	1	NA
Soybeans setting pods	90	97	80	72	82
Soybeans dropping leaves	2	2	0	NA	NA
Tobacco topped	85	60	NA	63	NA
Tobacco harvested	17	16	NA	13	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 20

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	18	48	27
Previous Week	2	6	17	49	26
Previous Year	9	18	35	32	6
HAY					
Current Week	0	3	20	59	18
Previous Week	0	4	20	61	15
Previous Year	21	25	34	19	1
PASTURE					
Current Week	0	4	25	57	14
Previous Week	0	5	23	58	14
Previous Year	30	28	27	13	2
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	4	9	26	43	18
Previous Week	4	10	25	45	16
Previous Year	8	15	35	35	7

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 20

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.7	-1.7	0.44	-0.34	20.45	4.36	115	-27	2204	-33
North Central	67.3	-3.1	0.40	-0.37	21.77	5.32	108	-34	2119	-76
Northeast	64.9	-4.4	0.15	-0.55	18.97	2.29	93	-42	1989	-90
West Central	68.2	-3.1	0.67	-0.04	20.72	3.46	113	-33	2298	-24
Central	67.4	-4.1	0.98	0.25	19.94	2.11	108	-40	2306	-43
Central Hills	66.0	-3.9	0.57	-0.24	19.30	1.68	101	-39	2103	-74
Northeast Hills	65.2	-5.1	0.45	-0.37	19.39	1.94	95	-46	2090	-123
Southwest	69.2	-3.5	0.82	-0.01	20.56	2.17	119	-35	2403	-60
South Central	68.8	-3.9	0.47	-0.47	18.38	0.43	116	-38	2469	-16
Southeast	67.1	-4.2	0.59	-0.22	16.57	-1.43	106	-41	2307	-40
STATE	67.4	-3.7	0.57	-0.22	19.52	2.11	108	-37	2244	-54

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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